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Silver Beach will be open this Memorial Day weekend, but with police keeping an eye out to make sure social distance guidelines are followed.

A beach season like no other

Police says they'll be vigilant this holiday weekend regarding pandemic guidelines

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Parks and beaches in St. Joseph will be open for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, but social distancing will be enforced and attendance will be limited.

St. Joseph Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker and Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey said they want people to enjoy the holiday weekend but take measures to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

"Memorial Day weekend is normally a very busy weekend at our parks and beaches," Neubecker said. "They will be open, with restrictions."

Beach restrooms will not be open, but porta-potties will be available, he told the St. Joseph City Commission during a meeting this week held by Zoom.

Bailey said Silver Beach will be open, but police will be monitoring attendance and social distance requirements.

"The beach is a lot smaller this year due to erosion. We'll be monitoring the parking lot, and once the lot is half-full, we'll close it," Bailey said.

He said beach-goers will be expected to space themselves at least 6 feet apart, unless they are members of the same household.

"If there are five people sitting together, but they all live in the same household, they can be

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A lone person walks along Silver Beach Tuesday afternoon. Officials will be enforcing social distance requirements this weekend at Silver Beach in St. Joseph, and closing the parking lot when it becomes half-full.

Michigan mails absentee ballot applications to all voters

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — The state has spent $4.5 million to mail absentee ballot applications to all 7.7 million registered voters ahead of the August primary and November general election in Michigan, a crucial presidential battleground.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat, announced the move Tuesday as part of the state's efforts to confront the coronavirus pandemic. The cost will be covered by federal coronavirus relief funding.

"By mailing applications, we have ensured that no Michigander has to choose between their health and their right to vote," Benson said in a statement. "Voting by mail is easy, convenient, safe and secure, and every voter in Michigan has the right to do it."

The step came weeks after Michigan saw record turnout for May local elections when the state, for the first time, discouraged in-person voting in part by sending absentee ballot applications to all voters in affected jurisdictions without first being asked to do so.

The latest mailing was criticized by Republicans in the GOP-led Legislature.

"Local clerks are the ones who have always handled these requests, not the secretary of state," said Sen. Ruth Johnson of Holly, a former secretary of state. She accused Benson of "taking unilateral actions with no input and questionable motives."

Rep. Julie Calley of Portland said the $4.5 million would have been better spent on protective equipment for polling places and election workers – plexiglass dividers, masks, gloves and sanitizer – and on machines to more quickly process surging absentee ballots.

Normally in Michigan, it is up to voters to ask their local clerk for an absentee ballot. Some communities let voters request to join a permanent list to get an application every election, while others do not. About 1.3 million, or 17 percent of the

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South Haven plans weekend sidewalks sales

But most shops won't be able to participate unless restrictions are eased

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order extends at least through May 28, but that's not stopping some downtown merchants from hosting sidewalk sales this weekend.

City council members voted 6-1 on Monday to allow the merchants to conduct outdoor sales Friday-Sunday during Memorial Day holiday weekend.

However, there's an enormous catch. Businesses must follow the governor's executive order to slow the spread of coronavirus. In other words, only stores that are considered "essential" – ones that sell products for the health and safety of people – can display products outside and allow customers to shop inside. Non-essential shops, such as clothing stores or gift shops, won't be able to sell products outside or have indoor sales.

Council member Chris Campbell came up with the idea for the sidewalk sales as a way to re-open downtown, if only in a small way, for Memorial Day weekend – a weekend normally associated with the start of the summer tourism season.

Campbell, who abstained from voting on the special event proposal, has first-hand knowledge of the economic losses downtown merchants have suffered since March, when the governor's stay-at-home to slow the spread of COVID-19 went into effect. He owns two downtown shops and planned to open a third one this summer.

"This stay-at-home order has decreased our traffic almost 100 percent," Campbell said in an interview

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Downtown merchants in South Haven hope to fuel traffic this weekend by hosting sidewalk sales, Friday through Sunday. However, as this photo taken Tuesday afternoon shows, most shoppers will be restricted to window shopping because Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order stipulates that non-essential businesses, such as gift shops and clothing boutiques, remain closed to indoor traffic and placement of goods outside for display.

South Haven enters crucial tourism season

Tourism official holds out hope as the stakes rise

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Memorial Day weekend signals the unofficial start of summer in this tourism town.

But this year promises to be quite different from other summer seasons.

State restrictions on most businesses and activities remain in place at least through May 28, and even private outdoor gatherings and picnics are expected to be much smaller as people continue to practice social distancing.

Scott Reinert, director of the South Haven/Van Buren County Convention and Visitors Bureau, hopes for better days ahead.

"Lodging has pretty much been decimated in April and May," Reinert told South Haven City Council members Monday. "Revenue is off 95 percent for those two months."

He's keeping his fingers crosses that the future will be better for tourism, but reservations are still coming in slowly.

"At this point advance bookings for summer are off when we would normally see quite a bit," Reinert said. "I think that reflects more of a wait-and-see-approach as opposed to people planning not to come."

That's partly why Reinert isn't giving up hope for the local tourism industry, which annually pumps an estimated $85 million in to South Haven's economy.

"We have a chance to recover here in a fairly significant way if we can get a good portion of the summer season back," he said. "Seventy-three percent of revenues from lodging comes in the four months between June and September. That reflects what most of our downtown merchants see. If we can salvage summer we have a chance for our businesses to weather this storm."

Once the stay-at-home order is lifted, Reinert said South Haven is well-positioned to be a tourism destination that people will target this summer.

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ANALYSIS

Trump flouts the experts, even in own government

By AAMER MADHANI and JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the nation's top infectious disease doctor warned it could be risky for schools to open this fall, President Donald Trump said that was unacceptable.

When experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention produced a roadmap for how Americans could slowly get back to work and other activities, Trump's top advisers rejected it.

And when the Food and Drug Administration warned against taking a malaria drug to combat COVID-19 except in rare circumstances, Trump asked his doctor for it anyway.

The coronavirus pandemic has thrown into stark relief the extent of Trump's disregard for scientific and medical expertise, even when the safety of millions of Americans or his own personal health is on the line. In public briefings and private meetings, he's challenged the very experts his administration has pulled together to address the crisis, often preferring to follow his own instincts or the advice of allies in the business world or conservative media.

In doing so, Trump appears to be disregarding what has long been considered the special responsibility of the American president to set an example for the nation, unconcerned that taking a personal risk could lead millions of others looking to the White House for guidance to do the same.

"He forgets that he's president and that what he does and says, people listen to and model themselves on that," said Lawrence Gostin, a public health expert at Georgetown University.

Health professionals' concerns became particularly acute this week following Trump's surprise revelation that he was taking hydroxychloroquine, a drug he and several of his allies have been pushing despite warnings from experts. The FDA cautioned earlier this year that the drug should only be taken for COVID-19 in a hospital or research setting because of potentially fatal side effects.

Alex Brandon / AP

President Donald Trump speaks about the coronavirus in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington on May 15. Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci listens at left.

The president is not in a hospital. He is not participating in a clinical trial. And he doesn't have the coronavirus. Instead, he told reporters he was taking the drug as a "line of defense" after a pair of White House staffers contracted the virus.

Addressing the criticism of his decision on Tuesday, the president appeared undeterred. He said he was making an "individual decision" and suggested one of the studies raising concerns about the drug was a personal attack.

David Axelrod, who served as a senior adviser to President Barack Obama, said Trump often appears to relish the opportunity to challenge the guidance of the government without recognizing that he is the head of that same government.

"He's acting as the leader of a populist movement that resents the things government is asking people to do," Axelrod said.

It's not new. Trump has a history of flouting scientific and medical expertise, both as a private citizen and as president.

He's questioned whether childhood vaccines cause autism, despite ample evidence to the contrary. He's played down dire warnings about the impact of climate change on the environment and public health, pulling the U.S. out of a global accord aimed at reduced emissions and rolling back regulations that would do the same. When he stepped out onto a White House balcony in 2017 to view a solar eclipse, he ignored a well-known warning from scientists and looked directly at the sun without protective glasses.

Ross Baker, a Rutgers University political scientist, said Trump's dismissive view of scientific expertise echoes the suspicion many of the president's supporters have of "elites" in politics and other fields.

"His attitude has been 'I know more than the generals. I know more than the economists.' Now, it's 'I know more than the scientists,'" said Baker, who served as an adviser to former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel and Democrat Sen. Patrick Leahy.

While some of Trump's scientific skepticism may well be political strategy, the COVID-19 pandemic has raised the stakes. The virus spread swiftly across the world, leaving many Americans uncertain about how to protect themselves and looking to their leaders for best practices on everything from testing to treatment, and now for guidance on how to begin resuming daily activities.

But the messages from the White House have often been muddled. Trump has repeatedly pushed for a more aggressive economic opening than many of his public health advisers and has used his presidential megaphone to amplify unproven, and sometimes dangerous, methods for combating the virus.

At times, that approach has rattled his own advisers, most notably after he mused during a televised briefing that ingesting disinfectant might fight off the virus. That statement prompted an extraordinary outcry, with the manufacturers of household cleaners issuing statements warning against following Trump's suggestions.

The president's disclosure that he is taking hydroxychloroquine set off a similar scramble. White House officials urged Americans to follow the recommendations of their doctors, while many doctors said taking the drug could carry significant risk.

"I would not recommend taking this drug unless you are hospitalized and your doctor thinks it makes sense or you're in a clinical trial," said Dr. Radha Rajasingham, the principal investigator of a hydroxychloroquine prophylaxis study underway at the University of Minnesota. "It is not helpful to the American people to use it in this context and that worries me."

One potential bright spot for those concerned the public will follow Trump's lead: Recent polling suggests most Americans don't view the president as a reliable source of information on the pandemic.

ABSENTEE

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electorate, are already on such lists.

The March presidential primary was the first major election in which people could vote absentee without needing an excuse following the approval of a 2018 ballot initiative.

Nancy Wang, executive director of the Voters Not Politicians advocacy group, applauded Benson and called on the Legislature to "protect voters' lives" by authorizing that absentee ballots be mailed to voters instead of first requiring them to return the application.

"Automatically sending ballots with prepaid return postage will cut the red tape, save money and empower all Michiganders to vote safely in this year's elections," she said.

Also Tuesday, a federal judge approved a consent decree requiring the state to provide accessible absentee ballots to blind voters in future elections. In response to a lawsuit filed during the pandemic, the state had agreed to let blind voters use software to complete an absentee ballot in the recent local elections.

BEACH

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together," he said.

The concession stand will be open, but personal protective equipment will be used, and someone will monitor the lines of people waiting for food, the sheriff said.

Commissioner Laura Goos asked how police will enforce the rules.

"We're hopeful that people will be courteous," Bailey responded.

The sheriff said he wants to remind beach-goers that alcohol is not allowed at Silver Beach.

"We will be enforcing that, and tickets will be given," he said.

Neubecker and Bailey said signs will be posted prior to the weekend instructing people about the rules that are in place, and informing them that access into the beach parking lot will be closed once it is half-full.

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LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
AD-3C-8C-6S-8S
Midday Daily 3
8-1-0
Midday Daily 4
6-0-7-5
Daily 3
3-2-0
Daily 4
5-3-3-7
Fantasy 5
07-10-13-21-39
Estimated jackpot
$282,000
Keno
01-06-07-13-18-22-23-25-31-32-34-35-41-42-52-55-58-60-64-67-75-76
Mega Millions jackpot
$274 million
Powerball jackpot
$95 million

Monday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
08-14-18-25-40
Cash4Life
06-11-14-31-57, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
02-03-10-11-22-25-35-37-38-44-45-47-51-54-55-56-72-78-79-80, BE: 78
Daily Three-Midday
3-0-0, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
2-7-2, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
5-2-7-9, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
6-1-5-6, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
01-03-04-09-12-15-23-25-26-30-35-48-53-62-67-69-70-71-75-76, BE: 26

Illinois

Lotto
11-13-22-28-36-43, Extra Shot: 23
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
22-24-30-35-40
Pick Three-Midday
0-2-1, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
7-4-6, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Midday
2-4-7-2, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Evening
6-7-5-0, Fireball: 5
Lucky Day Lotto
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in April. "We have had to temporarily lay off our employees and halt construction on our new store."

Campbell's businesses, SoHa Surf Shop and Emma's Boutique, are considered "non-essential." As a result, he can only conduct online sales and provide curbside pick-up.

In proposing the sidewalk sale to the city council, Campbell said he knew the governor's stay-at-home order may not allow sidewalk sales, but he still wanted to put the proposal in front of the council for consideration and seek input from the city's attorney.

"There's a lot of local businesses that are hurting. Chris Campbell was just trying to give them some flexibility if the governor loosens the order," said City Manager Brian Dissette.

Council member George Sleeper cast the lone no vote for the sidewalk sales.

"I applaud Chris for trying to help local businesses," Sleeper said. "I'm heartbroken at the loss our businesses are going through, but I'd hate to be a hot spot because of something we did tonight that caused a gathering place that didn't need to happen."

Becky Kark / For The Herald-Palladium

A poster displayed at Shooting Star Uniques shop in South Haven states "We Will Survive." Downtown merchants are eager to get back to business as usual.

Earlier this week, Whitmer decided to re-open the Traverse City region and the Upper Peninsula this weekend, but with restrictions calling on businesses and people to limit gatherings and practice social distancing. The governor said she decided to ease stay-at-home restrictions in those two regions of the state because COVID-19-related cases and deaths were low and continue to be low.

Van Buren County has incurred less cases and deaths related to the coronavirus than other more populated sections of the state, according to Lt. Bob Kirk, director of the Office of Domestic Preparedness in Van Buren County.

"When you look at number of people in the county and the number of positive cases, that – cases and deaths – below a percent of our population," Kirk said. "But, we don't want to quite frankly see any of those numbers."

Whether the governor will loosen restrictions imposed by her executive orders this weekend in Southwest Michigan remains to be seen.

They (the rules) could very well change by Memorial Day," City Attorney Nick Curcio said. "South Haven is in the Southwest Michigan region. It's conceivable we could be in the next wave (of regions re-opening). But we still don't know at this point."

So, for now, only downtown merchants in South Haven providing "essential" services can display their products outside this Memorial Day weekend.

"We can't legally do something different," Mayor Scott Smith said. "As soon as we can open up, we'll open up. None of us want this (the pandemic and ensuing stay-at-home order). We want it over with."

TOURISM

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"There is room for optimism," he said. "Everything we're seeing positions our area well. Vacationers saying they want to drive versus fly. They want to stay in Michigan. Visiting a beach or resort area is the No. 1 destination they're looking for. They want to visit quaint downtowns. A small-town environment is what they're looking for."

Reinert went on to report that a recent tourism survey indicated 62 percent of Michigan residents said they would feel comfortable traveling within 90 days.

Lodging establishments and stores will need to prepare, however.

"It's becoming clear that when folks do feel comfortable traveling, they'll have to be assured lodging facilities are putting procedure in place to ensure people are safe (from contracting COVID-19)," Reinert said.

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Berrien County adds 3 COVID-19 deaths Tuesday

Number of active cases drops

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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Berrien County reported three more COVID-19 deaths Tuesday, bringing the county's total to 33.

The deaths were that a woman over the age of 75 and two woman over the age of 90 with underlying health conditions, according to the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD).

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 25 COVID-19 patients as of Tuesday morning, with eight of those in the intensive care unit. That's five more people than were hospitalized Monday.

The county added nine new confirmed COVID-19 cases Tuesday and recorded 24 recoveries.

That brings the cumulative case total to 537 and the recoveries to 336.

With the recoveries and deaths, there are now about 168 confirmed active cases in Berrien County – 18 less than on Monday.

Van Buren and Cass counties each added one case Tuesday, bringing them up to 116 and 61 cumulative cases, respectively. Van Buren has recorded six deaths and Cass has two.

Berrien County added three presumed cases Tuesday, bringing the total to 189. Presumed cases are those who have had symptoms and been in contact with a known confirmed positive case. This number changes frequently based on testing.

The BCHD is now encouraging people with uncommon COVID-19 symptoms to get tested.

Fever, cough and shortness of breath are most common with COVID-19, but some people also have a sore throat, chills/body aches, or a loss of taste or smell.

Anyone with any of these symptoms should call their doctor, the Spectrum Health hotline at 833-559-0659 or the InterCare hotline at 855-869-6900. People can also be screened by visiting the Walmart testing site website, www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com.

Local COVID-19 numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO'VE FALLEN

Don Campbell / HP staff

City of St. Joseph Public Works crews install Memorial Day banners along Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph on Tuesday morning in honor of those who have lost their lives while serving our country. It will be a quiet Memorial Day weekend, as traditional parades and services have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SJ struggles with Vine Street parking issue

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

Don Campbell / HP staff

City officials are considering banning parking in the right-of-way known as Vine Street, between Elm and Park Streets, in St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH — For the past two summers, the St. Joseph Department of Public Safety has received and responded to numerous complaints about vehicles blocking driveways on Vine Street.

Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker is leaning toward recommending the city ban parking in the right-of-way known as Vine Street, between Elm and Park Streets, which is actually is an alley. The St. Joseph City Commission this week heard from several residents of the area, who voiced strong opinions for and against the proposed parking ban.

Commissioners directed city staff to, within 60 days, prepare a report outlining the pros and cons of banning parking in the alley and possible solutions for residents who would have no place to park. Vine Street historically has been treated similar to alleys throughout the city, with parking along the side of the alley being allowed if it does not physically prevent other vehicles from passing.

Vine Street is bounded by Lions Park Drive, the Whirlpool Compass Fountain parking lot, the railroad tracks and Park Street. Some of the houses front Vine Street, while others front Lions Park Drive. A survey of residents conducted last October by Reserve Corporal Greg Massey solicited 17 responses. Of those, seven favored keeping parking allowed as is, six favored disallowing parking in the alley and four favored allowing parking for residents only, not visitors. Massey said the survey responses represent 16 properties out of 27 in the area in question.

During a City Commission meeting conducted Monday by Zoom, residents Jack and Joni Bartoszek, Suzanne Wattles and Merry Stover spoke strongly in favor of disallowing parking in the alley, while Ashley Willis and Kaitlyn Haag spoke against it.

"I'm a renter, and I would have no place else to park," Haag said.

The Bartoszeks, Wattles and Stover said they often have trouble getting into their driveways off Vine Street because of cars parked too close. They said the problem is made worse by residents leaving their trash receptacles in the alley. Wattles suggested that landlords convert parts of their yards into parking areas for their tenants, or that the city designate some spots on Lions Park Drive to allow overnight parking.

Chris Lannert identified himself as "a major investor in that area," and said he has no alternative to parking on Vine Street. If that is taken away, he said, "I would not be able to have my two renters."

Matt VanHoeven owns a house on Lions Park Drive and said people already speed through the Vine Street alley and taking parking away would make that worse.

"If you do remove parking, you need to put in speed bumps and stop signs," he said.

Some residents, and at least one commissioner, Peggy Getty, asked whether it's possible to designate Vine Street as one-way, and allow parking just on one side.

Neubecker said that while he is leaning toward recommending no parking in the area in question, he believes residents should be given time to figure out an alternative. He said there are four properties at which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to create off-street parking.

"We have to consider the changes people would have to make," said Commissioner Laura Goos. "We can't leave homeowners with no choices. We need a comprehensive plan for the four that would have no place to park.

City Manager John Hodgson said the matter should not be taken lightly.

"This is not a decision that should be instantaneous. We have to consider costs and compliance with ordinances," he said. "There are no perfect answers."

Neubecker said that besides residents' complaints about the parking and the tight squeeze into driveways, "We've had times in June, July and August when we've had some difficulty getting squad cars through there."

Mayor Mike Garey said he understands Neubecker's viewpoint, but, "A decision like this cannot be done overnight. I'm not prepared to vote on this."

Hodgson said city staff will continue to reach out to residents of the area as part of developing a comprehensive plan.

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ST. JOSEPH

Silver Harbor Brewing clears zoning hurdle

Attached building will be used for events

By JULIE SWIDWA
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Silver Harbor Brewing in downtown St. Joseph is hoping to expand its operation to the neighboring building at 216 Court Street. City commissioners on Monday OK'd the first reading of a zoning change for the property, where special events will be held.

ST. JOSEPH — Mayor Mike Garey said Silver Harbor Brewing is more than a brewery.

"It's a great restaurant that makes great beer," he said.

With that, Garey entertained a motion at Monday's St. Joseph City Commission meeting to approve the first reading of a zoning ordinance change that will allow Silver Harbor to expand again, this time creating an event venue.

Co-owner with his wife, Jamie Gross, Mike Gross told the city commission that the couple has purchased the attached building at 216 Court St., which is zoned commercial office and needs to be re-zoned to downtown, to allow the expansion.

"We've been in the community four years now, and we've continued to expand with our outdoor and garden areas," he said. "We have more than 100 employees in our peak time."

Meeting by Zoom and acting on a unanimous recommendation from the planning commission, city commissioners voted 4-0, with one absent, to approve the first reading of the zoning ordinance amendment. Final approval is expected at the commission's June 8 meeting.

Gross bought the building at 721 Pleasant St. in 2015 and opened Silver Harbor Brewing in April 2016 to coincide with National Beer Day. The building is more than 100 years old and is zoned downtown. The business has expanded over time, and in 2017 and 2018 received several international and national awards.

The plan for the adjoining building at 216 Court St. calls for a new glass front and creation of a space for private event rentals and pop-up events, with a connector to be created between the two buildings. There was access between the two at one time, but it was closed off when the buildings were owned by different people.

Gross said the existing business has 48 full-time employees, with as many as 100 in peak times, and the new space is expected to create 30 new jobs. Gross said he and his wife hope the new space will accommodate up to 250 people, and private events may have live entertainment.

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IN BRIEF

Pullman man killed in Allegan County crash

HOLLAND — A 22-year-old man from Pullman died Tuesday morning from injuries he suffered in a traffic crash.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office responded to the crash at 7:42 a.m. at the intersection of 48th Street and Lincoln Road in Fillmore Township, just south of Holland, according to a news release issued by the department.

Deputies say the crash occurred when the victim failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with a vehicle traveling northbound on Lincoln Road.

The accident victim died on scene from injuries. His name was not immediately released. The driver and passenger of the other vehicle suffered minor injuries.

The case remains under investigation by the sheriff's office.

Fatal crash on M-63 north of BH

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Michigan State Police reported Tuesday afternoon that one person was killed in a crash on M-63 near Paw Paw Avenue, north of Benton Harbor.

The road was closed in both directions as police investigated the accident. Police reported that alcohol may have been a factor in the crash. People who drove by the crash afterwards reported that it looked like two vehicles had hit head-on. No other details were available at press time.

BEETLE BAILEY

STOP!! LEAVE ME ALONE !!!
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ARE YOU OKAY, MISS BUXLEY ?!
JUST ANOTHER ROBOCALL, SIR
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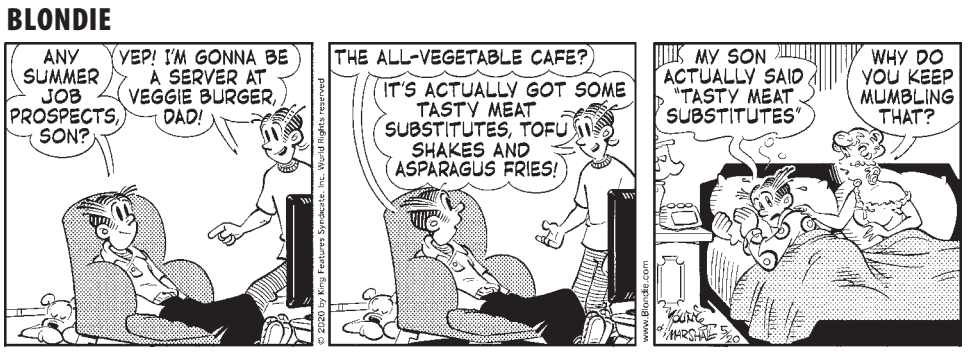
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE


ANY SUMMER JOB PROSPECTS, SON?
YEP! I'M GONNA BE A SERVER AT VEGGIE BURGER, DAD!
THE ALL-VEGETABLE CAFE?
IT'S ACTUALLY GOT SOME TASTY MEAT SUBSTITUTES, TOFU SHAKES AND ASPARAGUS FRIES!
MY SON ACTUALLY SAID "TASTY MEAT SUBSTITUTES"
WHY DO YOU KEEP MUMBLING THAT?
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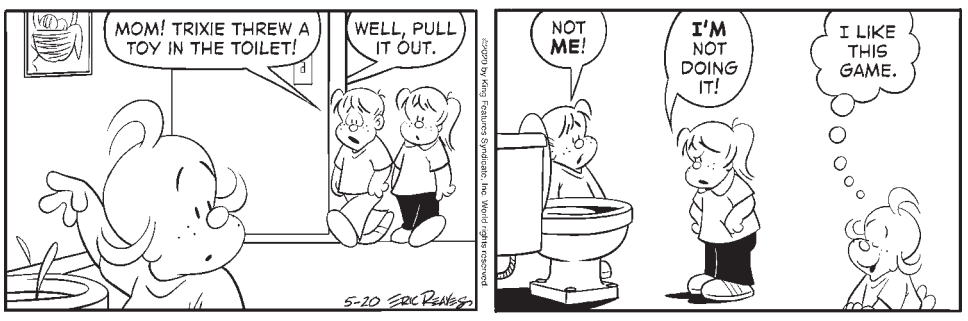
DEAN YOUNG MARSHALL 5/20

HI & LOIS


MOM! TRIXIE THREW A TOY IN THE TOILET!
WELL, PULL IT OUT.
5-20 ERIC REYNOLDS
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NOT ME!
I'M NOT DOING IT!
I LIKE THIS GAME.

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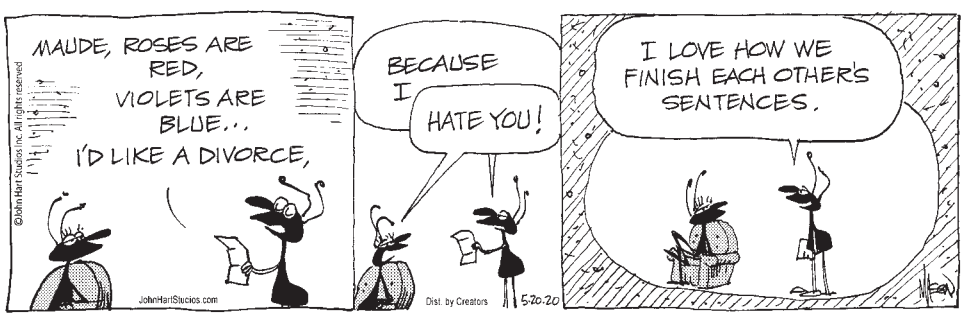
MAUDE, ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE... I'D LIKE A DIVORCE,
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BECAUSE I HATE YOU!
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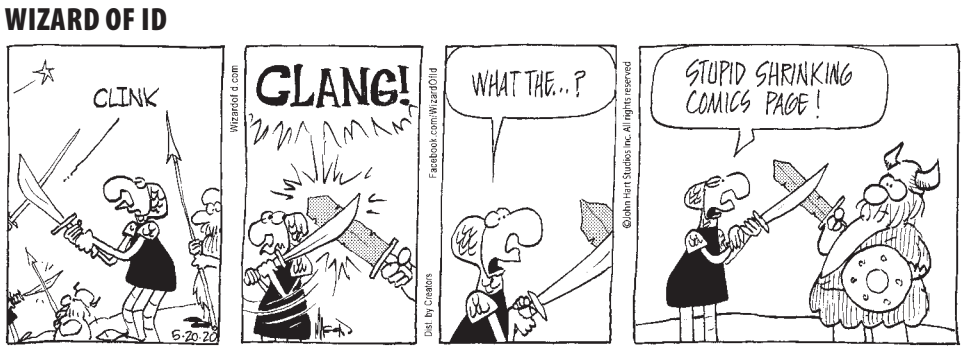
I LOVE HOW WE FINISH EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES.

WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT

TO AVOID SPREADING VIRUSES, THERE WILL BE NO SHAKING HANDS IN THE WORKPLACE.
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THAT CUSTOM HAS BEEN REPLACED BY UNCOMFORTABLE BODY LANGUAGE AND AWKWARD BANTER ABOUT NOT SHAKING HANDS.
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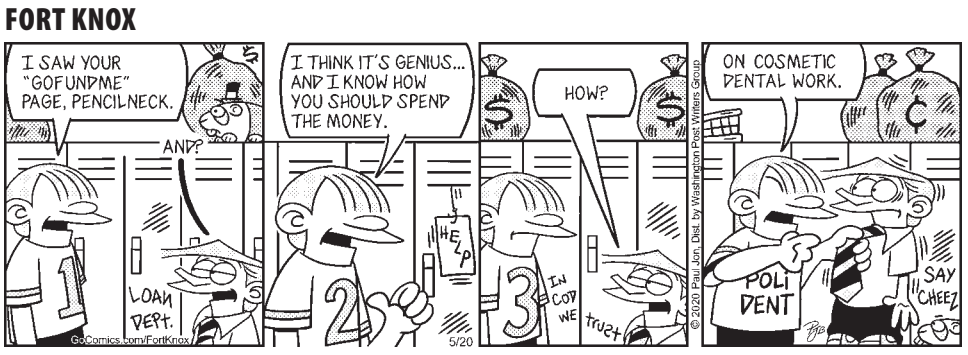
ARE HIGH-FIVES STILL OKAY?
YES, WE DON'T CARE IF THOSE PEOPLE LIVE OR DIE.

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX



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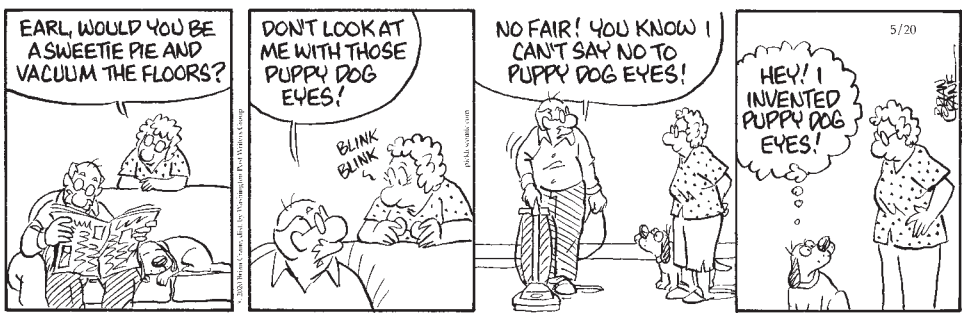
EARL, WOULD YOU BE A SWEETIE PIE AND VACUUM THE FLOORS?
DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE PUPPY DOG EYES!
BLINK BLINK
NO FAIR! YOU KNOW I CAN'T SAY NO TO PUPPY DOG EYES!
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HEY! I INVENTED PUPPY DOG EYES!
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FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

I'M GOING TO BUILD A RAMP AND JUMP THE POOL ON MY BIKE!
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HAMMIE, I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT...
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...UNTIL YOUR MOTHER LEAVES FOR THE STORE.
DARRYL!
JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN

CURTIS

I USED TO SPORT A MUSTACHE AND BEARD BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, CURTIS
LOOK AT THESE PHOTOS
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WOW, IS THAT YOU, DAD? WOW, LOOK AT YOU, A FULL BEARD AND MUSTACHE!
YOU USED TO LOOK LIKE A MAN!
PHOTOS
BRIAN WILSON

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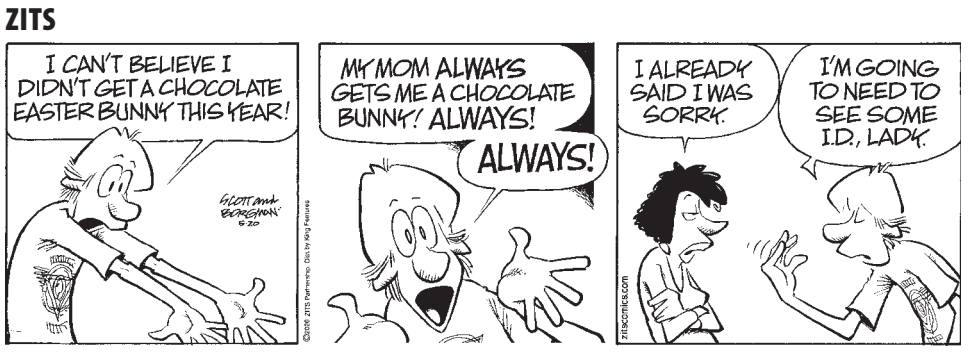
I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T GET A CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY THIS YEAR!
SCOTT and BORGMAN 5-20
MY MOM ALWAYS GETS ME A CHOCOLATE BUNNY! ALWAYS!
ALWAYS!
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I ALREADY SAID I WAS SORRY.
I'M GOING TO NEED TO SEE SOME I.D., LADY.
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

LUTE, YOU'RE VERY SWEET, BUT SOMETIMES IT SEEMS YOUR HEAD IS IN THE CLOUDS.
DO YOU MAKE A DAILY EFFORT TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE?
ABSOLUTELY!
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EVERY MORNING I TUNE THIS BABY!
BROWNE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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GRIMMY, HOW DID YOUR PAWS GET SO DIRTY?
I JUST WASHED OFF MY FACE
MIKE PETERS
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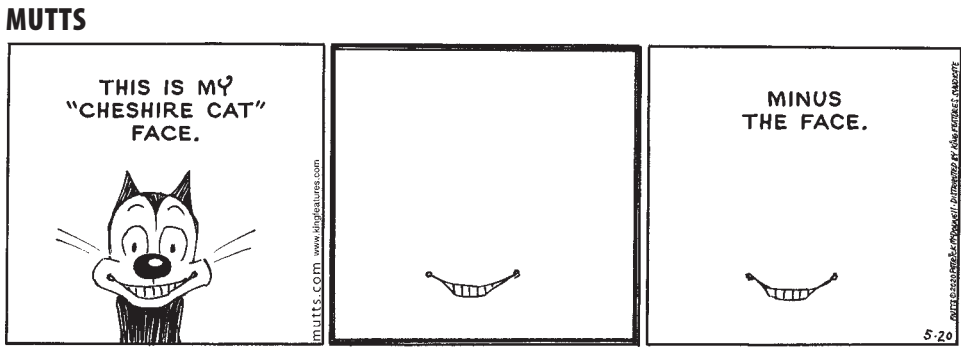
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

JACKIE, TALK TO ME.
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON? I'M PAYING RENT ON A STORE I CAN'T EVEN GO TO RIGHT NOW...
KEEFE
AND I HAVE INVENTORY I'M HAVING ZERO LUCK SELLING ONLINE. EVEN IF IT ALL ENDS TOMORROW, I DON'T KNOW IF MY BUSINESS CAN LAST THE YEAR.
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MOMMY WANT A COOKIE?
NO, YOU HAVE IT, SWEETIE. BUT CAN YOU TELL MOMMY WHERE YOU FOUND THAT LAST BOX?
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ST. JOSEPH HERALD-PRESS
WAR DECLARED!
HOUSE PASSES STATE OF WAR RESOLUTION
The Herald-Palladium
Terrorists strik
Washington, NY
Pentagon also hit by hijacked airplane, and another plane crashes in Pennsylvania

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 20

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	★★★ **Moana** ('16) Voices of Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho. CC (DVS)				**Holey Moley** "Power of the Fanny Pack"	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	**NCIS** A Navy officer is murdered.		**FBI** "Payback" CC		**S.W.A.T.** "Diablo" (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	**Chicago Med** CC (DVS)		**Chicago Fire** "Protect a Child"		**Chicago P.D.** "I Was Here" CC (DVS)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	**The Masked Singer** ((F)) (N)		:02 **Ultimate Tag** "You Better Run!"		**Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	**Spy in the Wild: A Nature Miniseries** (N)		**NOVA** Up-close footage of eagles. (N)		**Expedition With Steve Backshall** (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	**The 100** A new threat rises in the woods.		**Bulletproof** "Episode 4" CC		**News**	**Seinfeld** CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	**Chicago P.D.** "Anthem" CC (DVS)		**Dateline** "Deadly Deceit"		**Dateline** "Tangled Web" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	**The 100** A new threat rises in the woods.		**Bulletproof** "Episode 4" CC		**2 Broke Girls**	**2 Broke Girls**
WHME 46	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** Amy and Ty's trust issues.		**Highway to Heaven** "Man's Best Friend"		**Nightly News**	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 **The First 48**	**The First 48** "Bad Medicine" CC		**Ghost Hunters** "The Glenn Family Curse"		**The First 48** "Secrets and Lies" CC	
AMC	**Shawshank**	★★★ **Tombstone** ('93, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. CC					
Animal	Moon	**Moonshiners** CC		**Moonshiners** CC		**Moonshiners** CC	
BET	6:30 **Meet the Browns** ('08)			**T. Perry's The Oval**		**T. Perry's Ruthless**	
Big Ten	Ohio	Football	Ohio State		Big Ten	Ohio State	
Bravo	Housewives	**Real Housewives/ Beverly**		**Real Housewives/ Beverly**		**Real Housewives/ Beverly**	
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	**Bridge of San...**	★★★ **The Prestige** ('06, Drama) Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale. CC				:10 ★★ **Mary Queen of Scots** ('18)	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Jay Leno's Garage**	
CNN	OutFront	**Anderson Cooper**		**Cuomo Prime Time**		**CNN Tonight**	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Yankers
Discovery	Expedition	**Expedition Unknown: Uncovered** (N) CC		**Expedition Unknown** (N) CC		:01 **Smalltown Throwdown** CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Holmes	**Holmes & Holmes**		**Holmes & Holmes**		**Holmes & Holmes**	
E!	Botched	**Botched** CC		**Botched** CC		**Botched** CC	
ESPN	:00 **2006 NBA Finals** From June 20, 2006.				**2011 NBA Finals**		
ESPN2	Studio	**Top Rank Box**		**Top Rank Box**		**Top Rank Box**	
ESPNC	Baseball	**MLB Baseball** From Oct. 17, 1979.				**MLB Baseball**	
Food	Grocery	**Guy's Games**		**Guy's Games**		**Guy's Games**	
Fox News	The Story	**Tucker Carlson**		**Hannity** (N) CC		**The Ingraham Angle**	
Fox Sports	Bowling	**Detroit Tigers Classics** From Aug. 5, 2012. (N)					
Freefrm	6:30 ★★★ **Pitch Perfect** ('12) Anna Kendrick. CC			**Motherland: Fort Salem** "Witchbomb"		**Motherland: Fort Salem** "Witchbomb"	
FX	★★ **Pacific Rim Uprising** ('18) John Boyega. Young pilots unite to battle otherworldly monsters. CC					**What We Do**	**What We Do**
Golf	PGA	**Tiger Woods - Chasing History** CC				**Tiger Woods**	
Hallmark	**Wedding Bells** ('16)	**Anything for Love** ('16, Romance) Erika Christensen, Paul Greene. CC				**Golden Girls**	**Golden Girls**
HBO	**Armageddon** ('98)	**I Know This Much Is True** "Episode 1"		**I Know This Much Is True** "Episode 2"		★★★ **Unstoppable** ('10) CC	
History	Forged	**Forged in Fire: Meet the Judges** Smiths forge the Ida. (N) CC					
HGTV	Property	**Property Brothers** (N)		**Property Brothers**		**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**
Learning	My 600-	**My 600-Lb. Life** "One-ton Family" (N)				**My 600-Lb. Life**	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	**Married at First Sight** (N) CC		:03 **Once Upon a Quarantime** "Pilot"		:03 **Married at First Sight** CC	
MSNBC	Decision	**All In With**		**Rachel Maddow**		**The Last Word**	
MTV	Ridic.	**The Challenge** (N) CC			Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	**White Sox Rewind** (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	**NFL Football** CC					
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Borderfor	**Borderforce USA**		**Borderforce USA** (N)		**Drug Lords: Next**	
Oxygen	:00 **Snapped**	**Snapped** "Deborah Perna" CC		**Snapped** "Valerie Nessler" CC		**Snapped** The murder of a U.S. airman.	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ **Hacksaw Ridge** ('16, War) Andrew Garfield. CC					
Showtime	★★ **The Holiday**	**The Affair** New difficulties at home.		**Couples Therapy**	**Work in Progress**	★★★ **Superbad** ('07) Jonah Hill.	
Starz	:23 ★★★ **The Nutty Professor** ('96) Eddie Murphy. CC			★★ **Nutty Professor II: The Klumps** ('00) Eddie Murphy, Janet Jackson. CC			
STZENC	:17 ★★★ **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** ('02)			★ **The Host** ('13, Science Fiction) Saoirse Ronan, Jake Abel, Max Irons. CC			
SyFy	**Captain America**	★★ **The Mummy** ('99) Brendan Fraser. A mummy seeks revenge for a 3,000-year-old curse.					**Mummy Return**
TBS	Seinfeld	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal**
TCM	**3 Comrades**	★★★ **Flower Drum Song** ('61, Musical Comedy) Nancy Kwan, James Shigeta, Miyoshi Umeki. CC					**Sayonara**
TMC	**You Can't Say No**	★★★ **Bridget Jones's Diary** ('01) Renée Zellweger. CC				:40 ★★★ **The American President** ('95) Michael Douglas.	
TNT	London	**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (N) CC				**Snowpiercer**	
Travel	Ghost	**Ghost Nation** (N)		**Ghost Nation** (N)		**Destination Fear** (N)	
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USA	:00 **NCIS**	**WWE NXT** (N) (L) CC				★★ **xXx: Return of Xander Cage**	
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Radiation therapy can cause damage to surrounding tissues

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: A close relative had extensive radiation therapy for an early breast cancer. The treatment was effective, but it damaged the surrounding tissues, including her aortic valve. What are the potential side effects of radiation therapy?

DEAR READER: Radiation therapy, also known as radiotherapy, is a type of cancer treatment that uses intense beams of energy to kill cancer cells. Most often, it uses X-rays, a type of electromagnetic radiation, but a newer type of therapy uses protons. These are subatomic particles that carry a positive charge. Although both approaches to radiation therapy are effective at killing cancer cells, each can cause a range of side effects. These vary from person to person and depend not only on the type and location of a person's cancer, but also on their general health as well.

Unlike chemotherapy, which is systemic, radiation therapy is a highly localized treatment. A person's tumor is mapped, and the beams of energy are precisely focused on the area. Even so, surrounding healthy tissues are often damaged. Due to the physical properties of protons, that type of radiotherapy can be successful at sparing surrounding tissues. However, proton therapy isn't widely available and can't be used for all cancers. Radiation therapy with X-rays, while successful at killing cancer cells, can also cause damage to healthy tissues.

Radiation therapy sessions last about 15 minutes and are not painful. Treatment is administered five days a week and lasts from three to nine weeks, depending on the cancer. The energy used to kill the cancer cells is quite powerful and, over time, the nearby healthy tissues tend to sustain damage. This results in a range of side effects. A common one is fatigue, which begins during the course of treatment and can persist for several weeks or months after treatment has ended. Many people develop skin problems such as dryness, itching, blistering or peeling in the site where the radiation is delivered. Depending on the part of the body receiving the treatment, additional side effects can include swelling, or edema; hair loss; nausea; trouble swallowing; diarrhea; problems with urination; or changes to taste.

When heart muscle is exposed to radiation therapy, as happens in treatment for breast cancer, Hodgkin lymphoma and cancers of the lung or esophagus, injuries can occur. These can include the heart valve injury that your relative experienced, as well damage to the coronary arteries, the tissues that cover the heart, the specialized cells that control heart rhythm and the heart muscle itself. These injuries can develop in the days and months after treatment, but are most often seen a year or more later.

The good news is that advances in radiotherapy over the years have lessened the incidence of cardiac injury. In addition, modern treatment protocols are often performed in partnership with a cardiologist. Their job is to assess a patient's risk of heart injury prior to treatment and to monitor their progress during the course of radiotherapy. The goal is to craft an effective cancer treatment that doesn't cause more health problems than it solves.

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Feeling isolated by family who won't do video calls

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: How should I feel, personally, when extended family do not reply or do video calls during this quarantine? I do send them emails and texts. I've been reaching out to them for weeks.

I have lived most of my adult life away from them – moved to a different state at the beginning of my husband's career. We have been married 42 years, and have a great, loving, supportive, financially secure relationship.

How should I take this when I hear of so many others having daily family calls and many group video chats?

I feel envious of all these others who are laughing and learning about their families, and my family won't even connect with us.

We do visit a few times a year, and are going to retire soon very near to them. – Sad Isolated Sister

SAD ISOLATED SISTER: Would the families who are tearing each other apart in over-close quarters, or feuding from distant locations for decades, make you feel better?

Our vague, generalized comparisons to others are some of the worst things we do to ourselves emotionally.

You don't know all the backstory of these video-chatters.

You know your story. So, make the best of that.

And make the best *sense* of that, too: You've been on live-and-let-visit terms with these family members for decades. You were OK with that until you weren't, right? So while it's disappointing, it's also not surprising that they didn't all awaken to family yearnings at exactly the same time you did.

Instead of stewing in it, use your sadness – and your logic, that every family is different – as motivation to make more of an effort. Stay in steady but unobtrusive touch, no reciprocation needed. When it's possible again, add an extra visit to your schedule. Say out loud that the crisis has awakened you to how much you miss everyone.

And, prepare yourself now to accept whatever response they have for you, even non-responses, even when you retire near them. Disappointment is hard, but living with the knowledge you quit before you tried everything? That's harder. Sometimes those are the choices we get.

DEAR CAROLYN: My daughter, who lives 30 minutes away, is a nurse who works in COVID units, though with a full gown, face mask, gloves and shield. My spouse and I are in our mid-60s with no health issues.

My daughter will not allow us in her home or come into mine. All shopping deliveries by her are dropped off at the curb. We have been allowed to see her children outside across the front yard.

We have not been in a store since this all started and only do curbside pickup, if that.

Our state will start minor openings this week.

We are so upset at not being with our family. When do you think we can ease up and be together again? – Lovesick

LOVESICK: As a child, did she ever run to ask the other parent when one of you said no?

Yeah. Your daughter said no, so please don't shop advice columns for a yes.

Imagine what she sees every day.

Don't fight her, not even with feelings or body language. You'll be together again when she says so.

We are all lovesick somehow. Patience is our best chance to keep these absences temporary.

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18 Put in a lawn
20 Type of sausage
22 GI support org.
23 Kenya's loc.
24 Frisbees, e.g.
27 Let know
30 Norwegian name
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32 Famous mummy
34 Long-tailed animal
35 Longest arm bone
36 Give out sparingly
37 Target amounts
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40 Gentle bear
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55 Quick turn
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57 Olsen of vaudeville
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5 Tolkien hero
6 Block, as a stream
7 Spanish dance
8 Auspice
9 Presently
10 Singer — Turner
13 Grassy plain
19 Canvasback
21 Uncertain
24 "The," to Wolfgang
25 Mesopotamia, now
26 In — (as found)
27 Charged particles
28 AAA suggestions
29 Speechless
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33 Danson or Kennedy
35 Navajo neighbors
36 Brood
38 Yielded to
39 River in a waltz
41 Wall decoration
42 "Fancy" singer
43 Wild goat
44 Top of the head
46 Woodworking tool
47 Hearts or spades
48 Spa class
51 — -Magnon

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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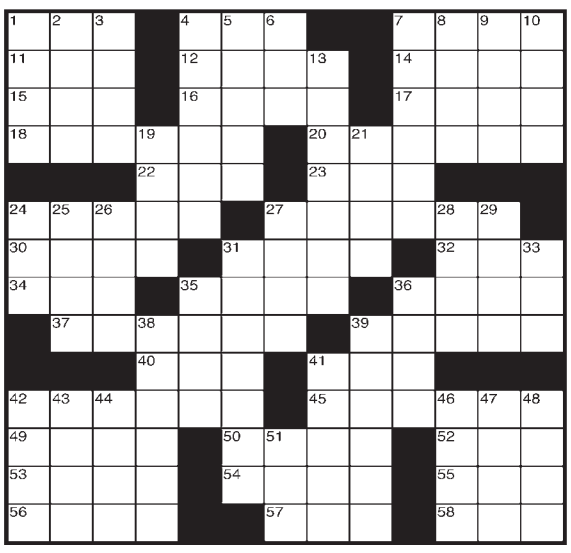

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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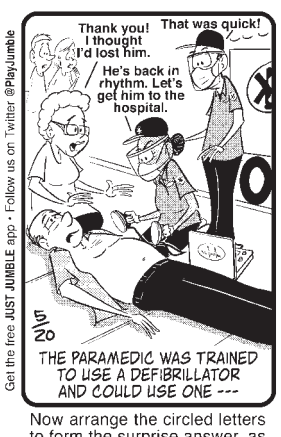
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ALIBI ENACT GOTTEN PUMMEL
Answer: The boxer was finally given a shot at the championship, and it was — "A-BOUT" TIME

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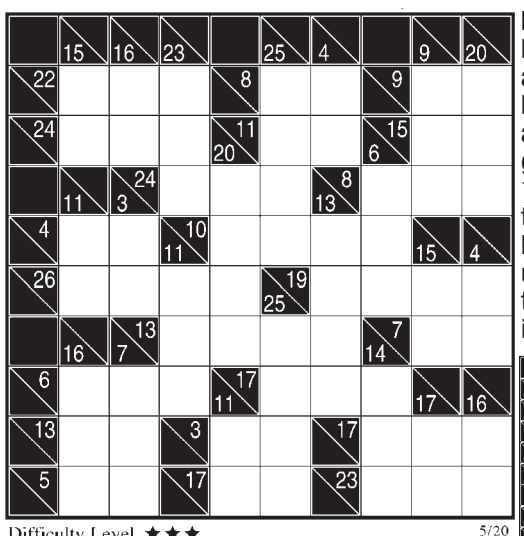

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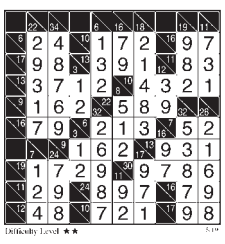

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BRIDGE

In "The Faerie Queen," Edmund Spenser wrote, "So double was his pains, so double be his praise."

This is only fair; and it can apply in a bridge deal – like today's. How should South play in three no-trump after West leads the heart queen?

South had a close bid over his partner's takeout double. He was a little strong for one no-trump and a little weak for two no-trump. He compromised by jumping to two spades, showing 9-11 points and at least four spades. North's cue-bid of three hearts was game-forcing and strongly suggested three-card spade support. With four spades, North would have raised. When South showed his heart stopper, North was happy to pass.

South had six top tricks: one spade, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs. From the bidding, it was likely that West held the spade king-queen and club queen. But were the spades or the clubs breaking 3-3? Declarer found a line that allowed him to test both suits.

After winning the first trick with his heart king, South led a spade: queen, ace. West won the next trick with the spade king and exited with a low heart to dummy's ace.

Dummy's spade 10 was cashed, but West discarded a heart. Now came a club to the ace and the club jack: queen, king. When declarer played a club to his 10, both opponents followed. So a diamond to the ace allowed South to cash dummy's club six for his ninth trick.

If West had turned up with two or four clubs, South would have exited with a heart, hoping to force West to lead away from the diamond king.

North 05-20-20
♠ A J 10
♥ A 4
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ K 6 5 3

West
♠ K Q
♥ Q J 10 8 6
♦ K J 9
♣ Q 7 4

East
♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 5 3
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 9 8 2

South
♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A J 10

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	1♥	Dbl.	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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hp FOOD

Three recipes from a 'Serial Griller' just in time for summer

Jane Ammeson

Several years ago, I talked to Matt Moore about his latest cookbook, "The South's Best Butts: Pitmaster Secrets for Southern Barbecue Perfection."

Moore, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., hit the road, chronicling how barbecue differs in the 12 Southern states he calls the Barbecue Belt.

Now, in a time when going out to dinner means walking to the porch to fire up the grill, he's been busy driving and flying (he owns a small airplane).

Covering 10,000 miles in three months, he's gathered recipes and tips from Southern grillmasters and restaurateurs like Michael Solomonov and Ashley Christensen.

He's put it all together for his latest book, "Serial Griller: Grillmaster Secrets for Flame-Cooked Perfection."

"It's an All-American guide to grilling," Moore says. "I think we're really fortunate to live in a country where people come from someplace else and we can pull from all those different countries. I wanted to make sure the recipes were diverse."

The multi-ethnicity of grilling comes out with recipes like Athenian Chicken and Sweet Potatoes Rescoldo, which he describes as melding Louisiana and South America flavors. Al rescoldo is a popular South American technique where foods, like potatoes, are cooked in the dying brasas, or fire embers.

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Moore also wanted to make sure "Serial Griller" was instructive and easy to use – no matter what type of grill you use or foods you eat.

"We spend a lot of time talking about the different meats, vegetables, even fruit as well as fuels," he says. "We give instructions for using both gas and charcoal for each of the recipes."

Moore had to use a little persuasion to get some of his interviewees to reveal their secret recipes.

"There's a little more secrecy in barbecue, there are recipes they don't want to give out," Moore says.

He also includes his own recipes, like one for Grilled Watermelon.

"The concentrated sweetness and hint of smoke that juicy melon gets from a brief rest on a hot grill adds surprising pizzazz to a refreshing dessert that is big on flavor and short on hassle," he writes in the recipe's introduction. "Sweeten things up, in a healthy way, by adding a rich, creamy dollop of vanilla Greek yogurt. The best desserts are all about sensory balance – here, hot meets cold, and creamy and juicy counter crunchy and chewy."

Photo provided

Grilled Watermelon is featured in Matt Moore's latest book, "Serial Griller: Grillmaster Secrets for Flame-Cooked Perfection."

The following recipes are from "Serial Griller."

Sweet Potatoes Al Rescoldo

Makes 4 servings.

4 sweet potatoes
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
1 teaspoon Mexican cinnamon (canela)
1/2 teaspoon guajillo chile powder
Fresh parsley, finely chopped

Prepare a fire of red oak coals, or two chimneys full of charcoal. If you don't have two chimneys, work in batches to produce enough coals.

After the coals have gone from glowing red-hot to gray, pour the coals onto a grilling surface, and use tongs to carefully submerge the sweet potatoes completely beneath the coals.

Allow the potatoes to sit in the coals until completely cooked, about 1 hour.

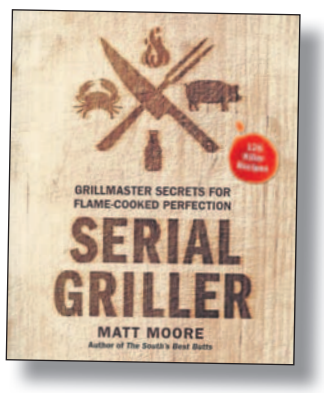
Remove the potatoes from the coals and let cool to the touch. Brush clean and cut in half.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a saucepan over medium-high heat on the stovetop or over direct heat on the grill. Add the sugar, pecans, cinnamon and chile powder, and mix until thoroughly combined.

Generously spoon the butter on top of the cut potatoes.

Place the potatoes, cut-side up, back on the grill over direct heat (500 degrees), cover, and cook for 5 minutes to allow the potatoes to firm. (You can also place the potatoes under a broiler for 2 to 3 minutes to set.)

Plate the potatoes, and garnish with parsley.



Athenian Chicken

For the chicken:

1 (3- to 4-pound) whole chicken
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Fresh parsley, minced

For the Honey-Lemon Sauce:

1/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup yellow mustard
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
1 teaspoon kosher salt

To make the chicken: Remove and discard the giblets from the chicken. Wash the chicken thoroughly and pat dry.

In a small bowl, mix the oregano, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper together.

Using your hands, rub the spice mixture all over the bird, including inside the cavity. Place the chicken in a shallow dish, cover, and marinate in the refrigerator for 24 hours, or overnight.

Open the bottom vent of a charcoal grill completely. Light a charcoal chimney starter filled with charcoal. When the coals are covered with gray ash, pour them onto the bottom grate of the grill, and then push to one side of the grill. Adjust the vents as needed to maintain an internal temperature of 300 to 350 degrees.

Coat the top grate with oil, place on the grill. (If using a gas grill, heat to medium-high on one side.)

Place the chicken, preferably on a rotisserie or rack, over indirect heat and cook, grill covered, for about 1 hour, until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. The chicken can be served whole, or you can remove the backbone and serve in halves, or quarter it by removing the thighs from the breasts.

To make the sauce: Mix together all the sauce ingredients in a small bowl. Generously drizzle the sauce over the cooked chicken. Garnish with the parsley.

Note: The sauce can be made in advance, and kept for up to 2 weeks in the fridge, covered. Bring to room temperature and shake vigorously prior to serving.

Grilled Watermelon

Makes 8 servings.

8 (1 inch-thick) seedless watermelon wedges, with rinds
1/2 cup vanilla whole-milk Greek yogurt
1/4 cup roasted salted pistachios, roughly chopped
2 teaspoons crystallized ginger, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest (from 1 orange)
Freshly ground black pepper

Open the bottom and top vents of a charcoal grill completely. Light a charcoal chimney starter filled half-way with charcoal. When the coals are covered with gray ash, pour them onto the bottom grate of the grill. Adjust the vents as needed to maintain an internal temperature of 450 to 500 degrees.

Coat the top grate with oil, place on the grill. (If using a gas grill, heat to high.)

Place the watermelon wedges on the oiled grates. Grill, uncovered, until grill marks appear, 1 to 2 minutes per side.

Place a grilled watermelon wedge on each of eight serving plates. Top the wedges evenly with the yogurt, pistachios, ginger and orange zest. Garnish with pepper.

Abra Berens, the chef at Granor Farm, author of "Ruffage: A Practical Guide to Vegetables," and a James Beard Award finalist, said the farm will be harvesting and packing orders for curbside pickup.

They'll have lettuce from their hoophouse, and produce from their fields and the surrounding agricultural community – including purple and green asparagus from Mick Klug Farm and foraged ramps. Selections will change weekly.

Home bakers also can order four varieties of organic Janie's Mill products from their farm in Illinois.

Berens has been milling Granor's crop of Hard Red Winter Wheat into whole wheat bread flour and is also baking two varieties of sourdough bread in her wood oven.

Order online at granorfarm.square.site, then follow the signage at the farm, stay in your car, and they'll bring you your order. They encourage people to wear masks.

A reader asked last week if I would run Jim Lahey's recipe for No-Knead Bread that was mentioned in the paper in March.

The recipe originally ran in The New York Times in 2006, and is one of the most popular the paper has ever published.

Owner of the Sullivan Street Bakery in New York, Lahey's recipe makes bread baking easy. It uses no special ingredients, equipment or techniques.

Mark Bittman, a food writer at The New York Times, described the bread as taking very little effort – only time.

"You will need 24 hours to create the bread," he wrote, "but much of this is unattended waiting, a slow fermentation of the dough that results in a perfect loaf."

Jim Lahey's No-Knead Bread

3 1/3 cups all-purpose or bread flour, plus more for dusting
1/4 teaspoon instant yeast
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons water
Cornmeal or wheat bran, as needed

In a large bowl, combine the flour, yeast and salt. Add the water, and stir until blended. The dough will be shaggy and sticky.

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Let the dough rest for at least 12 hours, preferably 18, at room temperature. It is ready when its surface is dotted with bubbles.

Lightly flour a work surface, and place the dough on it. Sprinkle it with a little more flour, and fold it over on itself once or twice. Cover loosely with plastic wrap, and let rest for about 15 minutes.

Using just enough flour to keep the dough from sticking to your work surface and fingers, gently and quickly shape the dough into a ball.

Generously coat a cotton towel (not terry cloth) with flour, wheat bran or cornmeal. Put the dough, seam side down, on the towel, and dust with more flour, bran or cornmeal.

Cover with another cotton towel, and let rise for about 2 hours.

When it is ready, the dough will be more than double in size and will not readily spring back when poked with a finger.

At least a half-hour before the dough is ready, heat an oven to 450 degrees. Put a 6- to 8-quart heavy, covered pot (cast iron, enamel, Pyrex or ceramic) in the oven as it heats.

When the dough is ready, remove the pot from the oven.

Slide your hand under the towel, and turn the dough over into the pot, seam side up. It may look like a mess, but that's OK.

Shake the pan once or twice if the dough is unevenly distributed. It will straighten out as it bakes. Cover with the lid, and bake 30 minutes. Then, remove the lid, and bake another 15-30 minutes, until loaf is beautifully browned.

Cool on a rack.

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Pandemic pantry recipe: Crispy fried rice with crunchy golden crown

By LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

When microwaved leftovers trigger flashbacks to sad desk lunches, but aspirational coronavirus cooking feels like too much work, you might try what's become my go-to pandemic pantry non-recipe for crispy fried rice.

A hidden golden crust distinguishes this technique that's far easier than even nontraditional fried rice, and grants you permission to stop trying to recreate your favorite restaurant's dish.

Rice cookers have eliminated scorched rice, the toasted layer left behind in a cooking pot. That is unless it's created with intent. Every rice culture shares a variation, from Chinese claypot rice to Korean dolsot bibimbap to Spanish paella socarrat to prized Persian tahdig.

A nutty hard bite as satisfying as a kettle potato chip or crackling pork rind transforms leftovers simply layered over rice.

Use a nonstick pan and enough oil to barely coat the bottom, a ratio of about 1 tablespoon oil to 2 cups cooked rice. Top with whatever leftovers you have, and add fresh or frozen ingredients if you want.

Use whatever leftovers you have on hand. But if you want a recipe for inspiration, here's a dish with spring ingredients to serve as a side or main, possibly topped with fried eggs or sautéed nuts.

Crispy Fried Rice with Asparagus and Radishes

Makes 3 to 6 servings.

1 bunch red radishes with green tops, about 1 pound, halved as needed to bite size
1 bunch asparagus, about 1 pound
3 tablespoons oil
6 cups cooked rice, hot or cold
1/2 cup frozen peas
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon soy sauce
3 scallions, greens sliced thinly (save white roots to regrow in a jar of water on your window sill)
Butter
Lemon or white rice vinegar

Soak the radishes to wash well of sandy soil; separate the greens from the red roots.

For the asparagus, snap off tough bottoms for compost; snap spears in half, separate stems from tips.

In a cold wok, skillet or wide-bottomed saucepan, add oil, then swirl to coat. Add rice, then red radish roots and asparagus stems. Season with half of the salt and pepper. Cover, then turn heat on medium high. Cook until you hear sizzling and smell rice toasting, about 5 minutes.

Turn the heat down, then carefully uncover. Scrape down any stray rice grains. Re-cover, then turn heat to medium and cook, about 10 minutes.

Turn heat down again, uncover, break up any clumps of rice and check that a crust is forming underneath.

Add a little more oil as needed. Add radish greens, asparagus tips and frozen peas, plus remaining salt and pepper. Re-cover, then turn heat to medium; cook, about 5 more minutes.

Turn off heat, uncover, add soy sauce around the edge of rice, then slide your spatula around the bottom crust.

Garnish with scallion greens and butter. Season to taste with lemon or vinegar for bright acidity.

Serve directly from the pan, breaking crunchy crust as needed, golden side up.

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Weigh the pros and cons of every move you want to make this year. If you let your emotions take charge, it will tempt you to act prematurely. Unrealistic goals or expectations will work against you. Assess situations and expand your interests based on what's best for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Discipline will get you where you want to go. Whether it's a work-related or personal victory you are after, your focus and determination will affect the outcome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be aware of what others are doing. Someone you deal with won't have your back when you need support. Don't let disappointment bring you down. Be prepared to do things on your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A different approach to a pending problem is favored. Limit how much you spend and don't commit to something you cannot provide. An offer will come with some troubling baggage. Make positive adjustments before you proceed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Handle a sensitive issue carefully. If you act impulsively, you will have trouble reaching your objective. Charm and reaching out to someone who owes you a favor will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Collaborating with people who have similar goals will speed things up and encourage success. Distance yourself from anyone causing problems or looking for an argument.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Information that interests you will come your way. Before you spread the word, verify the facts. Your reputation will depend on what you do and say. Self-improvement is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Adjustments will help ward off an unnecessary argument. Joint finances or shared expenses will be a problem if you and your partner don't have the same values and ethics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Evaluate the way other people treat you and how well you are taking care of yourself. Put your health and well-being first. Walk away from debilitating situations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change will be useful for you. Adjust your schedule to include the things that bring you the most joy. Don't forgo what's best for you just to appease others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stick close to home and take care of personal matters. Don't be fooled by what others do or say, or get into a senseless argument over something that you cannot change.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Refuse to give someone who has disappointed you a chance to do so again. Focus on what you can do to make your life and environment better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Seize the moment and take control. If you want something done, do it yourself. Don't let the changes or decisions that others make disrupt your plans. Aim for stability, not for chaos.

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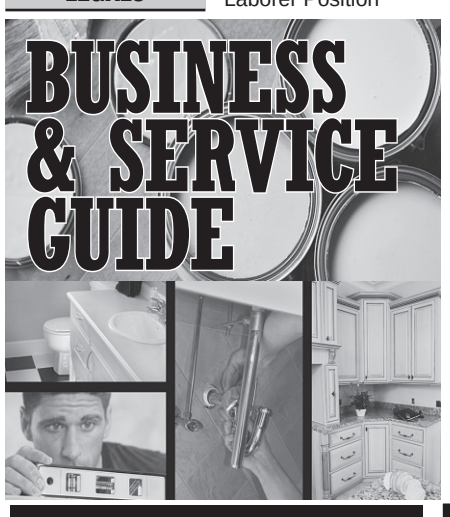

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NOTICE OF LETTING

DATE: May 26, 2020
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Via Teleconference
Call In Number: (248) 509-5369
Conference ID: 210 852 2#
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

The Project consists of the following:

Part 1 – Drain Improvements

Includes approximately 680 LFT 6" PVC storm sewer; 1,800 LFT 12" PVC storm sewer; 700 LFT 18" PVC storm sewer; 800 LFT 12" RCP storm sewer; 180 LFT 15" RCP storm sewer; 380 LFT 30" RCP storm sewer; 1,200 LFT 36" RCP storm sewer; 4,000 LFT 6" underdrain; 14 EA 24" diameter manhole; 18 EA 48" diameter manhole; 7 EA 60" diameter manhole; 4 EA 72" diameter manhole; 2 EA 72" diameter manhole, modified; 3,700 LFT ditching; detention pond grading; 5,750 SYD HMA base crushing and shaping; 15,100 SYD pavement removal; 2,420 TON HMA, 13A; 1,450 TON HMA, 36A; 600 TON HMA Approach; 200 SYD concrete pavement; 5,960 LFT concrete curb and gutter; 3,150 HMA curb; 9,200 SFT concrete sidewalk; 240 SYD riprap; Traffic Control; and various appurtenances. In addition, Drain Crossings shall be installed at the following locations:

1. Station 27+05, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
2. Station 27+80, Private Crossing, 80 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
3. Station 29+15, Private Crossing, 40 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
4. Station 30+70, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
5. Station 37+00, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
6. Station 38+70, Private Crossing, 24 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
7. Station 43+10, Private Crossing, 24 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
8. Station 43+35, Private Crossing, 44 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
9. Station 86+45, Private Crossing, 40 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
10. Station 88+85, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
11. Station 89+05, Private Crossing, 32 LFT of 12" Culv, Cl F, Conc
12. Station 89+75, Park Street Crossing, 32 LFT of 15" Culv, Cl E, Conc

Part 2 – City Improvements

Includes approximately 5 LFT 4" water main; 60 LFT 6" water main; 2,650 LFT 8" water main; 1,100 LFT 12" water main; 36 EA 1" water service connections; 2 EA 2" water service connections; 1,450 LFT 1" water service pipe within right-of-way; 50 LFT 2" water service pipe within right-of-way; 1,450 LFT 1" water service pipe within private property; 50 LFT 2" water service pipe within private property; 38 EA meter pit; 3,530 LBS compact ductile iron fittings; 35 building reconnections within private property; and various appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Wightman & Associates, Inc., 433 East Ransom Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007, Attn: Samuel Leatch, P.E., 269-487-9106, sleatch@gowightman.com.

Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number #160065. A contractor may view the Bidding Documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder. To be considered a plan holder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the Bidding Documents in digital form at a cost of $30.00. Registering as a plan holder is recommended for all prime contractors and subcontractors as plan holders will receive automatic notice of addenda and other Bidding Document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and online bid submittal questions. For this project, bids will only be received and accepted via electronic bid submittal through QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on May 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference. The meeting materials and call in number will be distributed to all plan holders prior to the pre-bid conference.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work and meeting all conditions represented in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids should it consider the same to be in the best interest of the South Watervliet Drain #485 or the County of Berrien.

DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: June 16, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Berrien County Administration Center
Board of Commissioners Room
701Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
OR ALTERNATIVELY
Remote Electronic Access
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

The Drain Commissioner intends to hold an in-person Day of Review at the location stated above. However, due to the ongoing corona virus public health crisis, the Day of Review will alternatively be held through remote electronic access, as provided in this Notice, if public gatherings are unable be held due to federal, state, or local orders, laws, regulations, and guidelines. Prior to the Day of Review, you may contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the above number or visit its website at http://www.berriencounty.org/1475/Meeting-Notices to confirm whether the Day of Review will be held in-person or remotely.

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Day of Review may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Day of Review by telephone.

Prior to the Day of Review:

- You should visit the Drain Commissioner's website for more information regarding the Day of Review, including a map of the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions, proposed apportionment roll, and updates on whether the meeting will be held in-person or electronically.
- If the Day of Review is being held electronically, you should also download the Zoom app to your device to ensure there is time to obtain technical advice prior to the Day of Review. You may submit questions and comments prior to the Day of Review by calling the Drain Commissioner's Office at (269) 932-0569.
- Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

On the Day of Review:

- The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review.
- To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Day of Review through the following link: https://zoom.us/j/99398076915.
- If prompted the meeting is 993 9807 6915.
- For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: 1 (312) 626-6799.
- Once individuals have joined the Day of Review electronically, the Drain Commissioner will provide further information about procedures for participation.
- The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

After the Day of Review:

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Berrien County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

The following entities will receive at-large assessments: Michigan Department of Transportation, City of Watervliet, & Watervliet Charter Township.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of lands constituting the Special Assessment District of the South Watervliet Drain:

City of Watervliet, T03S, R17W
Sections 26-27 & 23
Watervliet Charter Township, T03S, R17W
Sections 26 & 27

Dated: April 28, 2020

Christopher J. Quattrin
Berrien County Drain Commissioner

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Age and a virus: 'OK, Boomer'

Yup, can't deny it. I'm one of 'em. I'm a card-carrying member of the baby boomer generation. And I would have never imagined I'd be sharing that reality with the notoriety of a pandemic virus that places my generation smack in the cross hairs of the highest risk group?

Ron Weber
Opinion Maker

Who thought it might end this way for some of the boomers? Well, one of the first things life teaches you is that it isn't fair, now, deal with it. If it was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.

So, I bent over a while ago in this whole affair and kissed my backside goodbye in order to get on with what I have left on this third rock from the sun. Ever get the feeling that life is turning into a macabre final issue of Mad magazine? Alfred E. Newman lives! So I acquired the requisite gloves, mask and attitude and decided all I can do is the best I can do.

Now, once I got past shaking my head and giving the stink eye to those in public without a mask and gloves, I realized that I found myself reflecting a bit more on this drama called life that I've managed to stumble through in spite of myself. I offer the following.

You eventually reach a point when you know and understand one of the major self-evident truths: Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. And, like it or not, the older you get, the more time you seem to have in the bathroom while you come to understand analogies such as this one.

It's often said that life begins with the golden years of retirement, but so do fallen arches, arthritis, rheumatism, faulty eyesight, hearing loss, gas, and the tendency to tell a story to the same person two or three times. Even if things seem to be going just fine and you want to live to be 100, you'd have to give up all the things that make you want to live to be 100. That ain't right!

My favorite uncle told me once that you'll know you're old when flowers start to scare you and you overhear your doctor talking about discontinuing your blood type. I vowed then and there never to eaves drop on my doctor's conversations with his nurse.

Another problem with growing old is that you stop feeling your oats and start checking things like fiber content. And when you're considering the choice between two activities, you select the one that gets you home earlier.

On the other hand, if you have a mind to pay attention, there are lessons from life that need to be cherished. Life doesn't consist of holding good cards but in playing prudently and well those you do hold. You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth. Life is too short for self-serving dramatics and pettiness, so embrace warmly, kiss slowly, love truly and deeply, tell others of your affection for them, and hold the hearts of all your loved ones close to your own.

Ron Weber is a multi-award winning poet and writer who lives in Stevensville.

Phonics – one of America's top issues

COVID-19 arrived, it started killing us, we had an American shutdown unprecedented in history. And as we maybe, just maybe, start edging our way out of it, we are almost certainly going to start altering a ton of things in our politics and society, maybe for the worse, maybe for the better. It may not be at the top of many lists, but one of the most important objectives in my view should be to teach children how to read again, something gone sorrowfully amiss.

Jay Ambrose

Reading and doing it well is the most important thing in the intellectual development of a child, a means of learning sustained linear thought, grammar, spelling, vocabulary and subject matter from A to Z. You want to enlarge your scope in this life, to succeed in what you care about, to have an idea of what's really going on, to rise up from tough circumstances to better ones? Get good at reading, do a lot of it, and listen, that's how you can get to equality a whole lot more than redistributing money.

A major part of the problem is that too many schools and teachers say no to phonics, or relegate it to something insufficient, and thus it is that we haven't had much progress in reading for decades. The reading proficiency by grade level is little more than a third of the students and, in 2019, the National Assessment of Educational Progress showed a decline in national reading skills. Some say that is not a perfect judgment, but it is a solid judgment, and what is amazing is the way in which schools and teachers fail to do their job, as in saying they know best and then using other techniques that achieve something, maybe, but not much.

And what's phonics? Basically, it is sounding out words, learning how certain letters either by themselves or put together have certain sounds, such as "c" in cat, corn and cabbage or "at" in cat, hat and bat. There are complications in all of this, and special training for teachers can help considerably. But a Stanford study of brain waves said phonics worked better than any other technique, a University of London psychological study said it did, cognitive scientists say it does and a panel of top American learning experts concurred, for starters. The English require it, and, of late, so does Mississippi, which made a bigger advance in reading in 2019 than any other state.

Phonics isn't the end of the story, because, for one thing, students must read a lot and take on advanced texts that challenge them. They can extend their comprehension by recognizing spoken words and start learning history and science early on. It's great if they get hooked on reading by great stories, and then we come to something else that is vital: family.

Young children are exceptional learners, and it is important to talk to them a lot and read to them a lot and then teach them how to read. Children from affluent homes will ordinarily learn more than those from poor homes, but teacher visits can help and community and civic groups can pitch in. Volunteer reading tutors can be important in both schools and families.

We fortunately have robust national reading organizations in America, and several times I have been impressed talking to librarians and learning what their summer programs are like. Past presidents have addressed the issue, not least of all President George W. Bush who said he wanted to make every student a proficient reader and gave us the ambitious No Child Left Behind program that was eventually left behind. But I think we need a lot more from citizen groups, politicians, school districts, state and local governments and, yes, the federal government. We hear a lot of talk about poverty, inequality and diminished lives, and this counts. The start is simple. The start is coming around to phonics everywhere.

Jay Ambrose is a columnist for Tribune News Service. Email: speaktojay@aol.com.

LETTERS

Community strengthened by Catania's legacy

Editor,

A legendary local has passed.

The contributions of Gerald "Jerry" Catania toward the renaissance of the arts, culture, educational opportunities and economic development in the Benton Harbor Arts District, and the Twin Cities, would take an entire page of this paper.

As an initial investor, visionary, accomplished artisan and hands-on hard worker, Jerry and his wife, Kathy, created one of the initial cornerstones of success with Water Street Glass Works, showroom, gift shop and outreach to the area communities in providing educational, hands-on classes in the fine art of glass blowing … for adults and students of all ages. An amazing contribution and active legacy to our community that is nothing less than world-class.

Jerry's vision, careful planning and on-site work from the time when there was only Art's Café on the block, to what has been accomplished, is a work that should be honored and celebrated throughout our Twin Cities communities. A gentle, soft spoken, kind-hearted, respectful person that he was, Gerald and Kathy Catania were the first friends I had within the initial vision of an Arts District in Benton Harbor in 1999-2001.

Five stars on Jerry's collar and hopefully a historic marker on the Hinkley Building, a building he saved from the wrecking ball to begin his vision ... and our legacy.

R. James Taylor
Mary's City of David, Trustee

U.S. leadership hurts our world standing

Editor,

As a father, former board of education member and citizen of this country, I am extremely disappointed in how our leadership conducts its business, and how it interacts with other governments around the world.

As parents we teach our children to respect others. Public schools have exstensive policies in place that detail expected behavior. Yet our leadership consistently mocks and degrades those to which it does not agree, and has decided name-calling and bullying are acceptable behaviors.

It does not matter to our leadership that the object of their wrath may have served our country with distinction. It only matters that they have in some way broken ranks with our leadership. Two glaring examples of that was the way our leadership mocked and degraded a true national hero, John McCain, and the use of the words "naïve or stupid" to describe the captain of the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, Brett Crozier.

How do we explain to our children, without sounding hypocritical, that it is OK for our leadership to act in an undisciplined and disrespectful way to others, and yet ask them to treat others with kindness and respect?

Our government demonstrates this same behavior when dealing with other countries as well. My work has taken me to many different parts of the world. I have lived and worked in different countries for years at a time. I have learned many lessons. The most important of these lessons is that we all benefit from diversity. No one country or person has all the answers.

Many countries are viewed by our leadership with distain because they are of little use to furthering our prosperity. No thought is given to the people themselves. Our government has no empathy for anyone who, in their eyes, cannot further our wealth. This lack of empathy is carried over into our immigration policy. What made America great was the "melting pot" that brought people from different backgrounds and cultures together. Some were educated and knew a trade, but others were just hardworking people looking for freedom and opportunity to provide.

When dealing with other countries our leadership takes a very combative and arrogant approach. They employ many of the same tactics of mocking and bullying they do here at home. There is no thought of any collateral damage to the people of the world. As long as any hardship caused by any coerced agreement is suffered somewhere outside of our borders it is acceptable.

Our image and standing in the world have been badly damaged by our methods, and treatment of anything and anybody not American. There will come a day when we pay for our arrogance and selfishness.

In my early years I believed we were the good guys. History tells us there were times we were not. I am afraid my grandchildren will look back at this time in history and see this was one of those times.

Michael Dambrowski
Covert

Whitmer's restrictions are saving lives

Editor,

Michigan is the 10th most populous state but at one point had the third highest number of deaths from COVID-19. On March 23, Gov. Whitmer issued a stay-at-home order for all non-essential workers as a means to slow the spread of this highly contagious virus. On April 9 the governor issued an extension of her order and added a few additional restrictions, with a focus on saving lives.

As of May 19, the evidence indicated that her social distancing orders were working and the daily number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths were declining for the state as a whole. Notably, the case growth rate in the five most affected counties, Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, and Washtenaw, were all near the slowest rate measured since the start of the pandemic.

Despite the statistical success of the governor's orders, a small group of right-wing extremists fueled a series of protests against Whitmer's "stay home, stay safe" directives. Most of the protestors totally ignored social distancing guidelines during their irresponsible demonstrations. Few of them wore face masks to protect other people.

Fred Upton and Michigan's other Republican representatives reinforced the protestors' dangerous behavior by sending a letter to Gov. Whitmer criticizing her most recent order, despite overwhelming public support for her life-saving actions.

Wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and protecting others from infection is not a political game! It is necessary. It is based on scientific reality. Without any immunity, all of us are vulnerable to the ravages of this highly contagious and dangerous virus.

We need to defer to the doctors and scientists and to Gov. Whitmer, whose actions are guided by public health data and the advice of medical authorities. All of these individuals are working very hard to keep us safe.

Tim Walls
St. Joseph

Some reasons to have hope

Editor,

I have gladly turned from a negative outlook, to a more positive hope for our future.

First was the realization that this current crop of graduates and young people are better prepared for the crazy world we are leaving them than we are living in it. This generation is more open to new ideas and quicker to adapt than current and past generations, perhaps due to 24-hour news and entertainment or to internet access to the rest of the world. They are ready and will effectively address climate, plastic and hopefully racism and other social ills. So, congratulations all you graduates.

Second, I have a friend who labeled some people as "Trump haters" and received threats from unnamed sources. It is *never* acceptable to threaten someone for their beliefs. I do not believe anything that falls from the mouth of Trump, because it is always self-serving. But that does not mean I can fault another for their hopefully temporary confusion. Yes, this is a happy point as the threatened gentleman called me a friend, and I am certain he does not agree with me at all. But we remain friends in a time that has become far too divisive.

Please register and vote.

Bill Sullivan
St Joseph

Insulting letter didn't impress

Editor,

This is in response to Anthony Marsala's letter titled "Trump hasn't led in coronavirus response" on April 25. Mr. Marsala's letter was truly an intellectual masterpiece.

He managed to call President Trump a liar a mere 11 times and his supporters stupid just seven times.

This is just another example of a liberal devoid of ideas who has to resort to hate and name-calling to benefit his own ego. We'll be looking forward to Mr. Marsala's next letter.

Dan Marquis
Stevensville

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Regular mail: Editorial Page, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085

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BH OKs 1 medical marijuana dispensary; 2 others in limbo

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners gave the green light Monday to The Harvest Group's medical marijuana dispensary at 218 Water St. by approving its special use permit.

But the special use permits for two other medical marijuana dispensaries are in limbo until the city's zoning board of appeals hears the administrative appeals that have been filed objecting to the dispensaries.

One appeal is for Redbud Roots' proposed dispensary at 241 E. Main St. City commissioners Monday tabled considering the special use permit for that location until the ZBA can meet. Planning commissioners approved recommending the special use permit for that location on May 5.

The other appeal is for Justice Grown of Michigan at 200 E. Main St., which was approved by planning commissioners on April 7 and by city commissioners on April 20.

It is unknown when the appeals were filed or the reason they were filed, although during planning commission and city commission meetings, people have objected to the locations, saying they are within 500 feet of the Sikh Religious Society of West Michigan.

The city's medical marijuana ordinance requires that marijuana facilities be more than 500 feet from "a church or a place of worship."

The city commission serves as the ZBA. A ZBA meeting is scheduled for June 1 after the city commission's 7 p.m. regular meeting to consider a property owner's request that setbacks be reduced to allow her to build a three-seasons porch on her existing home at 178 Grand Blvd.

It is unknown if the appeals to the medical marijuana dispensaries will be heard on June 1.

According to the city's zoning ordinance, appeals must be heard by the ZBA within 15 days of them being filed. It would require a vote of two-thirds of the ZBA members to reverse "any order, requirement, decision or determination of the officer, department of bureau of the city, or to decide in favor of the applicant."

An appeal "stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless after the notice of appeal shall have been filed, the building official certifies to the board of appeals that by reason of facts stated in the certificate a stay would, in his opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property."

City commissioners have been meeting virtually due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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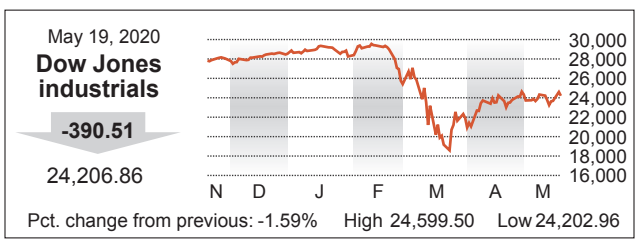

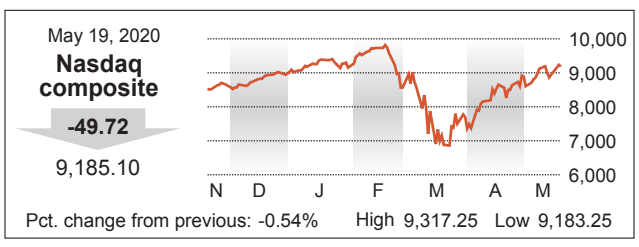

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UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	96.43	+.33	+0.3	▲	▼	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	54.38	-1.34	-2.4	▼	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	86.69	-.93	-1.1	▲	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	100.25	133.38	124.95	-2.71	-2.1	▼	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	39.77	-.63	-1.6	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	20.12	-.45	-2.2	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	118.48	-.11	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	26.37	-1.00	-3.7	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	68.33	-1.58	-2.3	▲	▲	▲

OBITUARIES

Josephine Betts

Sept. 21, 1937 – May 14, 2020

The heavenly gates opened on May 14, 2020, to welcome our beloved mother, sister, grandmother and aunt, after losing her battle with COVID-19.

Born in Aberdeen, Miss., on Sept. 21, 1937, Josephine accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was involved in church activities until a stroke caused her to be homebound. She had many fond memories of serving on the Usher Board.

She fell in love and married her best friend, J.C. Betts in 1959. They welcomed their oldest son, Lemont in 1964, followed shortly by Gene in 1966, and then Huggy in 1976. The family enjoyed sports and she followed the boys to different sporting events. Josephine loved and enjoyed her sons. Affectionately called "Momma Betts," she ran the concession stand at Union Field for many years.

Josephine is reunited in death with her parents, Samnard Manning and Nancy Hollis; and brother, Samnard Manning Jr.

Left to treasure all of the precious memories are: husband, J.C. Betts of 61 years; sons, Lemont (Renee) of Benton Harbor, Alton "Gene" (Norma) of Nolanville, Texas, and Cleavon "Huggy" (Amy) of Niles; two sisters, Imogene Manning and Ester "Doll" Bumpers, both of Chicago; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A homegoing service will be held at noon on Thursday, May 21, at Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, with Pastor Jerry Bishop of Life Quest Outreach Ministries, Grand Rapids, officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Mishawaka, Ind. Friends and family are welcome one hour prior to the service. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Death notices

Josephine Betts, 82, of Niles died May 14, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Janet Schack

Oct. 6, 1927 – May 15, 2020

Janet Schack, 92, of South Haven passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

She was born Oct. 6, 1927, to Glenn and Arlene (Peters) Shuler in Benton Harbor. Jan graduated from Benton Harbor High School and married George Schack on Sept. 13, 1947. They shared 68 years of marriage before his passing in 2015. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends. Her ever present smile, thoughtfulness and love for others will always be remembered.

Jan is survived by her two daughters, Laurie (Steve) O'Connell and Lynne (Eli) Sanchez; five grandchildren: Angela and Eric Sanchez, Ryan (Nikki), Sean (Cait) and Kevin O'Connell; great-granddaughter, Rory O'Connell; and her brother, the Rev. Donald (Meg) Shuler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; and siblings, Gordon Roland and Joyce Balka.

A celebration service will be held at a later date. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Emma Jean Herndon

Jan. 30, 1925 – May 15, 2020

Emma Jean Herndon, 95, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at The Whitcomb Senior Living Community in St. Joseph. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. A private family burial will take place in Oaklawn Cemetery, Batesville, Ark. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph or First Baptist Church, Desha, Ark. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Emma Jean was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Newport, Ark., to Thomas and Dovie (Fuller) Ash. On May 17, 1943 she married Hayden Herndon. Emma Jean Herndon "showed up" for life. Whether that was teaching AWANA, Sunday school or being a part of prayer committee. She enjoyed baking for any occasion and you couldn't leave her house without taking a little treat with you. Emma Jean and her husband, Hayden, owned and operated Herndon's Tasty Grill on Niles Avenue in St. Joseph for many years, retiring in 1973. She worked very hard throughout her life and even into her late 80s was a caretaker for several elderly folks. Emma Jean was a member of First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, and a founding life-time member of First Baptist Church in Desha, Ark.

Our Grandma was more than just a grandmother to us. She helped shape who we are today and always provided unconditional love and support. We won't think of what we didn't get to do or say but rejoice in the memories we have of her. We can rest knowing she is with her Lord and Savior and reunited with her family. We loved her from here to Arkansas and back again. We will meet again.

Emma Jean is survived by her grandchildren, Dana (Scott) Humes, Jeff (Leza) Kirshenbaum, Brooke (Brendan) Gualdoni and Britney (Steve) Burkett; 10 great-grandchildren: Michael (Danielle) Humes, Tyler (Alivia Payne) Humes, Nick (Emily Mara) Humes, Frances Lou Gualdoni, Esther Marie Gualdoni, Hunter Hayden Burkett, Colten Stephen Burkett, Grace Lou Burkett and Josh and Halley Kirschenbaum; her son-in-law, Moose (June) Bowman; her brother, Willis Dean (Joy) Ash of Desha, Ark.; her sister, Rosie (Ken) Saupe of Brimfield, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Emma Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Hayden, in 1997; her children, Sgt. Thomas Herndon in 1970, Linda Bowman in 2002 and Corinda Herndon in 2015; and siblings, Jerald Ash, Arvel Ash and Pauline Stinson.

States accused of fudging or bungling COVID-19 testing data

By MICHELLE R. SMITH, COLLEEN LONG and JEFF AMY
Associated Press

Alessandra Tarantino / AP

Visitors wearing a face masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 admire statues in the Rome Capitoline Museums, including the second century A.D. Roman marble statue "Cupid and Psyche", at right, Tuesday, In Italy, museums were allowed to reopen this week for the first time since early March, but few were able to receive visitors immediately as management continued working to implement social distancing and hygiene measures, as well as reservation systems to stagger visits to museums in the onetime epicenter of the European pandemic.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Public health officials in some states are accused of bungling coronavirus infection statistics or even using a little sleight of hand to deliberately make things look better than they are.

The risk is that politicians, business owners and ordinary Americans who are making decisions about lockdowns, reopenings and other day-to-day matters could be left with the impression that the virus is under more control than it actually is.

In Virginia, Texas and Vermont, for example, officials said they have been combining the results of viral tests, which show an active infection, with antibody tests, which show a past infection. Public health experts say that can make for impressive-looking testing totals but does not give a true picture of how the virus is spreading.

In Florida, the data scientist who developed the state's coronavirus dashboard, Rebekah Jones, said this week that she was fired for refusing to manipulate data "to drum up support for the plan to reopen." Calls to health officials for comment were not immediately returned Tuesday.

In Georgia, one of the earliest states to ease up on lockdowns and assure the public it was safe to go out again, the Department of Public Health published a graph around May 11 that showed new COVID-19 cases declining over time in the most severely affected counties. The daily entries, however, were not arranged in chronological order but in descending order.

For example, the May 7 totals came right before April 26, which was followed by May 3. A quick look at the graph made it appear as if the decline was smoother than it really was. The graph was taken down within about a day.

Georgia state Rep. Jasmine Clark, a Democrat with a doctorate in microbiology, said the graph was a "prime example of malfeasance."

"Sadly it feels like there's been an attempt to make the data fit the narrative, and that's not how data works," she said.

Republican Gov. Brian Kemp's office denied there was any attempt to deceive the public.

Guidelines from the Trump administration say that before states begin reopening, they should see a 14-day downward trend in infections. However, some states have reopened when infections were still climbing or had plateaued. States have also been instructed to expand testing and contact tracing.

The U.S. has recorded 1.5 million confirmed infections and over 90,000 deaths.

Vermont and Virginia said they stopped combining the two types of tests in the past few days. Still, health officials in Virginia, where Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam has eased up on restrictions, said that combining the numbers caused "no difference in overall trends."

In Texas, where health officials said last week that they were including some antibody results in their testing totals and case counts, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said Monday that the numbers were not being commingled. Health officials did not respond to requests for clarification.

Georgia's Department of Public Health also regularly publishes a graph that shows cases over time, except new infections are not listed on the day they came back positive, which is the practice in many other states. Instead, Georgia lists new cases on the day the patient first reported symptoms.

That practice can shift the timeline of the outbreak and make it appear as if the state is moving past the peak.

Kemp spokesperson Candice Broce insisted that the governor's office is not telling the department what to do and that officials are not trying to dress up the data to make Kemp look better, saying that "could not be further from the truth."

As for the May 11 graph, Broce said public health officials were trying to highlight which days had seen the highest peaks of infections. "It was not intended to mislead," Broce said Tuesday. "It was always intended to be helpful."

Thomas Tsai, a professor at the Harvard Global Health Institute, said the way Georgia reports data makes it harder to understand what the current conditions are, and he worries that other states may also be presenting data in a way that doesn't capture the most up-to-date information.

Jennifer Nuzzo, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, said a lot of these cases are not necessarily the result of any attempt to fool the public. For example, she said, states may not have updated information systems that allow them to tell the difference between an antibody test and a viral test.

Still, if states are mixing a lot of testing numbers together, "you're not going to be able to make good decisions about reopening and about what level of disease you have in the community," Nuzzo said.

In other developments, the White House scrambled to defend President Donald Trump's decision to use the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine to fend off the coronavirus. The drug is unproven against the virus, and the president's move spurred fears that many Americans might start using the medication, which carries potentially fatal side effects.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany emphasized that "any use of hydroxychloroquine has to be in consultation with your doctor."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Members of Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Dr., Benton Harbor, will conclude the celebration of the church's 120th anniversary on Sunday.

A special highlight of the celebration will be the dedication of the church's activity center, including the new gymnasium building recently completed and named "Sinbad's Imagnasium."

The activity center will provide a place for youth activities, group meetings and an educational center for a tutoring program and wellness program for the church and community.

35 years ago – 1985

Some 600 scouts and leaders from Berrien and Cass Counties attended the 75th annual Scout-O-Rama at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs. About 275 of the scouts camped overnight. Exhibitions and events tested the scouts' skills in a variety of areas. One demonstration was the gateway arch of logs and ropes built by members of Boy Scout Troop 555, Niles, at the entrance to their site.

50 years ago – 1970

The Berrien County Board of Commissioners called on former Berrien County Sheriff Erwin Kubath and present Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell to help say thanks with a formal resolution, an orchid and $139 to Miss Anna E. Schroeder, who retired last month after almost 18 years as the county jail cook. She began the job when Kubath was sheriff.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, May 20, the 141st day of 2020. There are 225 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 20, 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Alabama, prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

On this date:

In 1873, Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davis received a U.S. patent for men's work pants made with copper rivets.

In 1899, taxi driver Jacob German was pulled over and arrested by a police officer riding a bicycle for speeding down Manhattan's Lexington Avenue in his electric car at 12 miles an hour at a time when the speed limit was 8 mph; it was the first recorded speeding arrest in U.S. history.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field on Long Island, New York, aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

In 1948, Chiang Kai-shek was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

In 1959, nearly 5,000 Japanese-Americans had their U.S. citizenships restored after choosing to renounce them during World War II.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance T-storms
65°	51°	66° / 56°	69° / 58°	72° / 60°	74° / 63°

Local Outlook

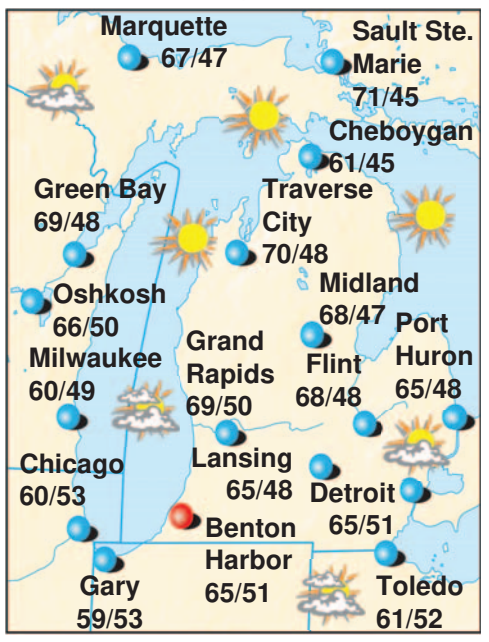
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 65°, humidity of 58%. East wind 9 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 51°. East wind 5 to 11 mph. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 66°, humidity of 63%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:19 a.m.
Sunset	9:05 p.m.
Moonrise	5:32 a.m.
Moonset	7:07 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
5/22	5/29	6/5	6/13

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	64°
Low	58°
Normal High	71°
Normal Low	49°
Record High	90° in 1998
Record Low	36° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.11"
Month to date	4.17"
Normal for month	2.39"
Year to date	16.41"
Normal Year to date	11.57"

Air Quality

Yesterday	36
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

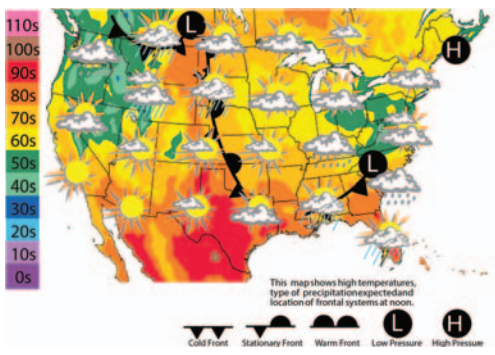
Weather Trivia

How does the dew point relate to summer comfort?

Answer: A higher dewpoint means that the air is more humid.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 20, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, E wind around 11 kt. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, E wind 9 to 12 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 60s and 70s. East wind 5 to 14 mph. Expect sunny skies Thursday with highs in the 60s and 70s. East wind 2 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 60s. East wind 9 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 60s and 70s. East wind 7 mph.

Speech advocate Annie Glenn, astronaut's wife, dies of COVID-19 complications

By JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Annie Glenn, who was thrust into the spotlight in 1962 when her husband became the first American to orbit the Earth, but who shied away from the media attention because of a severe stutter that later moved her to advocate for people with speech disorders, died Tuesday. She was 100.

Glenn died of complications from COVID-19 at a nursing home near St. Paul, Minnesota, where she had moved in recent years to be near her daughter, said Hank Wilson, a spokesman for the Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State University. NASA later announced her death.

Her husband, John Glenn, died in 2016 after an extraordinary life that also included breaking the transcontinental speed record and serving as a Democratic U.S. senator from Ohio. He and Annie were married for 73 years.

At age 53 in 1973, she enrolled in an intensive program at the Communications Research Institute at Hollins College, now Hollins University, in Roanoke, Virginia, that gave her the skills to control her stutter and to speak in public.

In 1998, Defense Secretary William Cohen honored Annie Glenn with the Department of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, calling her "a hero in her own right" and praising her for being "a strong voice for children, speech and communications, and the disabled."

In 2009, Glenn received an honorary doctorate of public service from Ohio State, where she served as an adjunct professor of speech pathology. The university bestows an Annie Glenn Leadership Award annually.

Glenn was born Anna Margaret Castor on Feb. 17, 1920, in Columbus, and knew her future husband while they were growing up in New Concord. The high school sweethearts attended Muskingum College and were married in 1943. They had two children, David and Lyn, who survive them.

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